

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 2 and 3 are objected for informalities set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

Claims 1 and 4-8 are allowed.

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

Abstract of the Disclosure

Applicant is submitted a substitute Abstract of the Disclosure for that originally filed with this application to more clearly describe the claimed invention. Entry of the substitute Abstract of the Disclosure is respectfully requested.

Substitute Specification

As required by the Examiner, a Substitute Specification is enclosed, along with a marked-up copy of the original specification indicating the changes made thereto by the Substitute Specification. No “new matter” has been added to the original disclosure by the Substitute Specification. Entry of the Substitute Specification is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 2 and 3 to obviate the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action. It is believed that the amended claims now specifically set forth each element of Applicant’s invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1 and 4-8 are allowed.

In the absence of any art cited against Applicant's original claims 2 and 3, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is necessary. Suffice to say that all of the claims remaining in this patent application contain subject matter against which no prior art citations have been made.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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